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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 19, 2001, please
amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 16-21, without prejudice.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Clean Set of Claims

5. The method of allowing bypass of a ring signal in a voice
messaging system according to claim 4, wherein said answering comprises:

playing an outgoing greeting message to a caller associated with
said incoming call without requiring reception of any ring signal relating to said
incoming call; and

allowing said caller to record a voice message.



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Transmitted herewith are
an amendment in the above-identified application (7 Pages)

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER Amendment | HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR | # OF EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| Total Claims | 15 | 21 | 0 | x \$18 = | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | 6 | 0 | x \$84 = | \$ 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable | | | | x \$280 = | |
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